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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

1. Restriction requirement.

The Examiner has determined that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct inventions: (I) Claims 119-130 and (II) Claims 1, 5-14, and 110-118. In response, the Applicant elects Invention II, Claims 1, 5-14, and 110-118, drawn to a device. The remaining claims have been withdrawn.

2. Amendments Made Without Prejudice or Estoppel.

Applicants have made these amendments in order to expedite allowance of the currently pending subject matter without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original scope of these claims in the future, such as through continuation practice, for example.

3. Conclusion.

In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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